

Committee Meetings

EPA REGULATORY RELIEF ACT OF 2011; AND CEMENT SECTOR REGULATORY RELIEF ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on the following: H.R. 2250, the “EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2681, the “Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8 to 2, a modified open rule for H.R. 2681. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 2681 equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 2681. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 2681 recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill as original text for purpose of amendment, and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 2681. The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 2681 that are submitted for printing in the Congressional Record not later than the legislative day of Tuesday, October 4, 2011, or pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. Each such amendment may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and each amendment shall be considered as read if printed. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 2681 with or without instructions.

The resolution further provides for a modified open rule for H.R. 2250. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 2250 equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 2250. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 2250 recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill as original text for purpose of amendment, and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 2250. The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 2250 that are submitted for printing in the Congressional Record not later than the legislative day of Tuesday, October 4, 2011, or pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. Each such amendment may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and each amendment shall be considered as read if printed. Finally the

rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 2250 with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from the following on H.R. 2250: Rep. Whitfield; Rep. Waxman; and Rep. Griffith of Virginia. Testimony was heard from the following on H.R. 2681: Rep. Whitfield; and Rep. Waxman.

TO EXTEND THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2832, to Extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2832. The rule makes in order a motion by the chair on the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. Testimony was heard from Chairman Brady of Texas; and Rep. McDermott.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1025)

H.R. 2005, to reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006. Signed on September 30, 2011. (Public Law 112–32)

H.R. 2017, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012. Signed on September 30, 2011. (Public Law 112–33)

H.R. 2883, to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend the child and family services program through fiscal year 2016. Signed on September 30, 2011. (Public Law 112–34)

H.R. 2943, to extend the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and related programs through December 31, 2011. Signed on September 30, 2011. (Public Law 112–35)